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Parking payment for street spaces and blind chaos at lady's hat fall

Row over ancient waterways – 1979

The fate of the ancient waterways known as lodes in the Burwell area are hanging in the balance.

Conservationists argue they are sanctuaries for wildlife and a quiet beauty spot in the flat, arable landscape.

They are important for anglers, boaters and ramblers. But water seeps through the banks and there is a danger of them collapsing completely, causing severe flooding.

There was an outcry when the Great Ouse River Division proposed to bulldoze them to make way for a ground drainage system.

Now, the Ministry of Agriculture may pay towards drainage if local councils can also fund it. But they say they have no money.

Reach lode at Upware

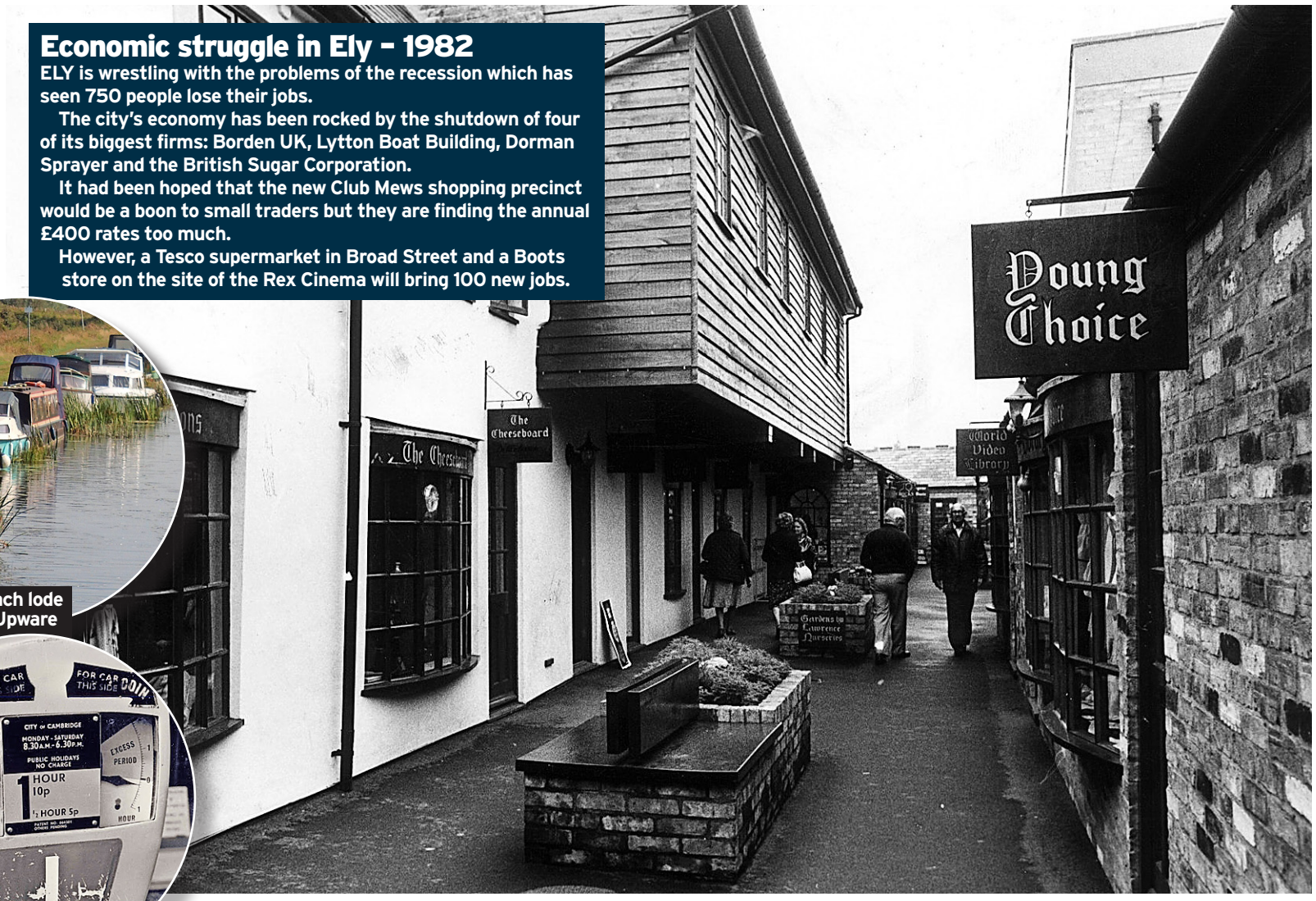
Economic struggle in Ely – 1982

ELY is wrestling with the problems of the recession which has seen 750 people lose their jobs.

The city's economy has been rocked by the shutdown of four of its biggest firms: Borden UK, Lytton Boat Building, Dorman Sprayer and the British Sugar Corporation.

It had been hoped that the new Club Mews shopping precinct would be a boon to small traders but they are finding the annual £400 rates too much.

However, a Tesco supermarket in Broad Street and a Boots store on the site of the Rex Cinema will bring 100 new jobs.



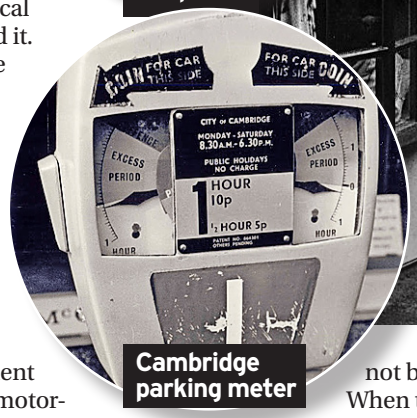
Paying to park – 1963

The introduction of parking meters will cure Cambridge's traffic problems, say councillors.

There will be sufficient off-street parking for motorists staying for any length of time.

At present, people move police 'no waiting' signs and hope they will not be caught.

When they drive away, others pull into the gap without bothering to check whether they are in a restricted zone.



Cambridge parking meter

Although police decorate them with pink tickets, the cars still obstruct a length of street until they are eventually moved.

But many of the new parks are a considerable distance from the centre and motorists will just not park in Saxon Street or Queen Anne Terrace and walk in.

Rooftop parking will have to be employed, perhaps at the former Herbert Robinson property.

Parking meter on St Andrew's Street

280 new homes for Trumpington – 1937

Trumpington consisted largely of houses strung out along the main road but new plans for development on land owned by the Pemberton trustees would create a self-contained colony with a recreation ground surrounded by 280 houses.

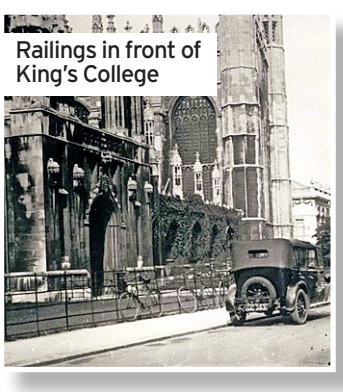
It would allow the village to develop a character rather than being a string of houses, an inquiry was told.

The council would also like to borrow £13,300 to purchase part of the Cherry Hinton Hall Estate for public walks and pleasure grounds.

The hall might become a headquarters for the propagation of plants.

This was likely to be a centre of considerable building development and it would be right to secure such open space.

Railings could come down at College – 1927



Railings in front of King's College

It will interest many people to know that the authorities of King's College propose pulling down the railings in front of the college on King's Parade but are a little timid about what might follow this step and have consulted the town council.

The watch committee was asked to enter into an agreement not to